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THE SILENT REAPER.

Irvine.

After years of long suffering and invalidism, Clark Irvine, died suddenly at his home in this city, Thursday last. For 40 years he had been a resident of our city, and enjoyed the esteem and high regard of his fellow-citizens. He came to our little city in 1857, and for years practiced law, and was prominent in the law and politics of this section for years afterward. He came as a pronounced Free Soiler and was fearless and outspoken in behalf of the Union cause during the dark days leading up to and during the civil war period. He was a thorough linguist and classical scholar, and his great learning and force of character, did much to help mold opinion in behalf of the Union cause. In 1872 Mr. Irvine identified himself with the Democratic party, and remained so up to his death. In 1877 he became the editor of the Missouri Valley Times, the Democratic paper of this county, published in Oregon, and after a few years retired from its editorial management.

Some seven years ago Mr. Irvine received a fall, which so injured him that he was compelled to use crutches, and he rarely ever came up to the city from his home, but he found company and happiness in the companionship of his devoted and learned wife, and mid his classical works. Up to the time of his injury he was a liberal contributor under the title of "Holt," to many of the leading newspapers and standard magazines of the country.

About the home he was an ideal husband and father, and ever found time to be a "chum" with his boys, and thus instilled in them the need and love for books, and the higher reading until they too, have inherited and cultivated much of the same talents, and enjoy a splendid reputation as writers. The wife who has been his constant companion through sunshine and shadow, for over 50 years, proved a most devoted wife in all these years—a strong intellectual woman, in whose society one is made better and stronger, and the Irvine home, though now saddened, was ever the haven for the intellectual, refined and cultured. The influence of this couple has been more or less felt in every home in our community, and especially in the cultivation of that taste for the higher reading.

The deceased was born in Mt. Vernon, O., October 10, 1830, and died in this city, September 12, 1907, lacking but a few days of being 77 years of age. He came west going to Nebraska in 1856, and in 1859 he married Miss Anna K. Johnson, of Omaha; in the fall of 1857 he came to Oregon, where he has ever since resided. By this marriage three sons were born, Leigh and Clare, both of the California Press; and Louis C., of St. Louis, the latter being the only one, owing to distance, that was able to be present at the funeral, and support their dear mother in the hour of deep sorrow.

Funeral services were conducted from the residence on Saturday, September 14, by Rev. Walton, of the Presbyterian church, interment being in the Maple Grove Cemetery, the casket being covered with beautiful floral tributes from friends and relatives.—The Sentinel, Oregon, Mo., Sept. 21, 1907.

It may not be out of place to note that Col. Irvine, was a lifelong Democrat, and at the same time he was one of the greatest champions of the civil and political rights of the Afro-American.—Editor.

HELD IN ROW OVER FUNERAL.

Negro Undertaker Arrested When He Refuses to Give Up Body.

An assault, an arrest, and the threat of other legal proceedings have been caused by the refusal of E. M. Blackwell, Negro undertaker, 3228 State street, to allow Mrs. Beattie Menier to remove the body of her cousin, William Menier, to other undertaker.

Blackwell was arrested on the complaint of Sydney H. Barlow, Western representative of a book concern.

William Menier died Friday, and his body was taken to Blackwell's place. Later Mrs. Menier found the funeral would be less expensive by another undertaker. Mr. Barlow is said to have visited the undertaker in behalf of Mrs. Menier, who is employed at his home. The alleged assault and arrest followed.

Mr. Barlow, who has offices in the First National Bank Building, is of the opinion that Mr. Blackwell, is a very bad actor, that just because Mrs. Menier is a colored woman who had to work hard for a living, that he was at liberty to charge her a fancy price for his undertaking work, and when Mr. Barlow, protested against his actions, he claims he was knocked down by Mr. Blackwell, for the interest he had taken in Mrs. Menier, who worked for him!

BLACK DIAMOND GAS FIELD, CHANUTE, KANSAS, HAS WON GREAT SUCCESS.

Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, President of the BLACK DIAMOND DEVELOPMENT CO., has just returned from the Black Diamond Development Company's Gas property in Kansas. The Doctor went down to inspect the Gas Wells, New Meter and 5-inch pipe line, laid to connect and convey Black Diamond gas to the Standard Oil Company's pipe line. The new pipe line is completed; and wells 7 and 8 have been connected to this new five inch line. The Company has drilled on its property—8 wells and will drill No. 9 well, by the time of the Annual Stockholders Meeting, at Odd Fellows Hall, Oct. 17. From the run of two wells, for July and August, the Company has received \$325.56(over \$400.00 per month for each well.—Mr. Henry Daniels, Prof. H. T. Kealing, Rev. J. F. Thomas, Messrs. Sandy W. Trice, G. E. Henderson with President W. L. Taylor of the True Reformers Bank of Richmond, Va., have visited the BLACK DIAMOND GAS FIELD and each and all are loud in their praise of this Company's SUCCESS.

Dr. Williams says, that his Company has a Money Making proposition and that the Company is not ashamed to show the public, just what it has. Dr. Williams makes this proposition to any number of persons, from 5 to 15, who will invest, as much as \$250.00 or more, with him in Black Diamond Stock, at the Market Price—he will pay their way to Chantue, Kansas and return, enabling them to inspect BLACK DIAMOND properties, before making said investment in stock. Those who wish to make this investment, must report at his office, 2840 State Street, Monday afternoon—so tickets can be secured for train, leaving, Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6 P. M. over the Santa Fe Road. This is a chance to see the field before you put any money in stocks. THIS IS NO BLUFF NOR HOT AIR. Get together from 5 to 15 persons, call on Dr. Williams, assuring him that you want to put some money, \$250.00, in a good investment and you will get a free ride and Hotel bills paid to BLACK DIAMOND DEVELOPMENT COMPANY'S Gas Field, Chantue, Kansas.

PLAN BIG NEGRO COLONY.

Association Proposes to Purchase 90,000 Acre Tract in California.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 26.—A project to establish a large colony of Negroes in southern California is being promoted by an association which is about to seek state incorporation. One of the promoters is Lieutenant Colonel Allen Allensworth of this city, formerly a chaplain in the United States army. Several million dollars is said to represent the wealth of the Negroes back of the movement.

Colonel Allensworth said today that a committee of the association will soon visit a 90,000 acre tract in Riverside and San Diego counties near Murietta, and if satisfied will purchase the land.

The colony, he said, will not be communistic and the land will be offered in small tracts at low prices.

The object is to establish a prosperous colony, where Negroes will have an opportunity to work under favorable conditions.

FORMER SLAVE DIES AT 113; ONE OF LONG LIVED FAMILY.

Grandmother of Maryland Man Passed Away at Age of 117 and Mother at 121, Say Accurate Records.

Elkton, Md., Sept. 21.—George W. Harris, whose maternal grandmother was 117 and his mother 121 when they died, is dead at the age of 112 years, 1 month and 14 days, near Rowlesville. Harris was a former slave, and the birth records of the family are said to have been accurately kept by its former owners.

LIEUTENANT OF "MUSHMOUTH" IS A SUICIDE.

Edward Smith, forty-eight years old, 417 State street, for years the confidential agent of "Mushmouth" Johnson, the king of Colored gamblers who died a few days ago, today committed suicide. He had declared that \$600 of his money had disappeared from the gambler's safe.

Smith committed suicide at 417 State street and shot himself through the head.

He was in charge of Johnson's gambling place while the latter was ill in the East and conducted the place after the death of "Mushmouth."

He declared before his death that he placed \$600 of his own money in the safe.

Yesterday he asserted the money had disappeared.

Early to-day Smith went to his room, and a moment later the shot that killed him was heard.—The Chicago American, Sept. 25.

WHITE WOMAN KILLS MANLEY.

Rushes to Policeman With Smoking Pistol After Shooting Negro.

Columbus, O., special: "I've killed a man," exclaimed Edith Carson, aged 24, as she rushed to an officer early Friday with a smoking revolver in her hand.

The officer hurried with her to her room, where he found the body of A. A. Manley, aged 32, colored, with his hands resting across his breast and in a position which indicated that, while he slept, the woman had pressed the revolver to his breast and sent two bullets into his heart.

CHIPS.

Mr. M. Johannes, of Philadelphia, Pa., has returned to his home after a two weeks' visit to this city.

Mrs. Rosa Thompson Lively has resigned her position as cashier for the New England Restaurant.

Miss Julia West, of Brooklyn, New York, is the guest of her sister Miss James S. Madden, 5711 Wabash Ave.

Mr. Charles J. Pickett is attending the state fair at Springfield in company with Senator Shelby M. Cullom.

Rumor has it that Mr. S. S. Paul one of the wealthy widowers is to marry an eastern belle before the month's end.

Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Demby, 6452 Champlain Ave., entertained at dinner Tuesday evening the Rev. and Mrs. Webb of Joliet, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Green and their guest Miss Gladys Williams have returned from their eastern trip much benefited in health.

The Leland Giants will play a match game of ball with the Spauldings at Auburn Park Sunday afternoon, September 29th.

Mrs. Kate Garner, 4228 State St., spent several days last week in Joliet, Ill., and visited the penitentiary in connection with her reform work.

Joseph R. Dunn, 3335 State street, returned home Thursday morning, from Loraine, O., where he has been visiting Mrs. Dunn, who is residing there for the benefit of her health.

Miss Portia M. Washington, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee, Ala., will be united in marriage to Mr. W. Sidney Pittman, of Washington, D. C., the latter part of October. The wedding will take place at Tuskegee.

Rev. T. A. Clark, in connection with his son, has opened up a real estate office at 3345 State street, and he will make a specialty of securing bargains for home buyers among the 400 Afro-Americans east of State street.

Mr. Charles Jackson, better known as "California Jack," has been offered a very fine position in Spokane, Washington. If Mr. Jackson accepts the position Chicago will doubtless lose one of its charming widows.

Attorney Walter M. Farmer, who is one of the most eloquent and logical speakers in Chicago, addressed the Shiloh Conference which holds forth at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Englewood, Monday, September 23d, on "The Price of Liberty." The church was well filled and those present greatly enjoyed his sound and patriotic address.

Rev. Father Edward A. Kelly, who for 22 years was pastor of St. Cecilia's church, 45th and 5th ave., has been promoted by Archbishop Quigley to the pastorate of St. Anne's parish and church, Garfield Blvd. and Westworth Ave., to succeed the late Father Flannigan. The selection of Father Kelly, for that important charge is indeed very gratifying to his hosts of friends everywhere.

Mrs. Odile Burnham, 2322 State street, departed this life Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. She was in her 73d year, and was the mother of Mrs. Adolph Howien, 425 E. 41st St.; Mrs. Burnham was the first to teach a Colored school at Leavenworth, Kan. She was born in New Orleans, La., and resided in this city 26 years. Funeral services were held over her remains at St. Monica's church, 36th and Dearborn street, yesterday morning. Interment at Mt. Olive.

FOR SALE TWO FLAT BRICK BUILDING.

A two flat brick building for sale on Berkley ave., near 41st street. Price \$4,000. Modern except heat. \$1,000 to 1,200 cash required to make the deal. Balance easy payments or terms to suit purchaser. The flats will bring in \$40 to \$45 a month rent. This is a snap. Wake up and act quick before it is too late.

For further information call or address Julius F. Taylor, 5040 Armour ave.

SPORTING NOTES.

Sonoma May, 2:29 1/4, the full sister to Sonoma Girl, 2:06 1/4, is the property of Arthur Brown, Napa, Cal.

Alice Pointor, 2:05 1/4, cost David Shaw of Pittsburg \$110 a little more than a year ago. He bought her for a brood mare.

Fred Tenney and Roy Thomas have thrown their scruples aside and are now playing Sunday ball with the rest of the National league.

England has 2,000 golf clubs with 300,000 members who use 500,000 golf balls per week and walk over the links about 250,000,000 miles per year.

One of the candidates for the Cornell football team will be a real prince. His name is Victor Marayaha and he hails from the province of Cooh Behar, India, of which his father is the maharajah.

The smallest golf links in the world are at Hoylake, England. They are in close proximity to the railway station and consist of three holes. The players are the cabbies who wait therabouts for their fares.

MODES OF THE MOMENT.

In silk and lace gowns there is a disposition to favor white and cream.

Automobile coats with sleeves of Japanese cut are conspicuous in the new designs.

The empire and the princess will have the greatest vogue in cloth gowns for the coming season.

Very pretty little silk coats are being worn of all colors with thin dresses. They are eminently French and require to be most daintily made.

Sashes figure on nearly all silk gowns either of plain color or chine, and one hardly sees a dress without a faint glimmer of gold or silver embroidery.

A shoemaker has introduced a novelty in the form of seamless shoes of antelope skin, which is, like suede, the color of golden brown. The toes are pointed, and there is a narrow binding of tan kid which ties in a small bow in front. These shoes are of French manufacture.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Roused Her Ire.—Stubb—I am glad to say that the foolish old custom of fighting at the drop of a hat has completely died out.

Penn.—Don't you believe it. I dropped my wife's white summer hat while I was looking for my collar yesterday and she has been fighting ever since.—Detroit Tribune.

One Good Meal.

"Yes," said Kander, "I told my friend that I have a room here." "But," asked Mrs. Starvem, "didn't you also tell him that you eat here?" "Certainly not. I told him I get breakfast and supper here, but that I eat at a restaurant near the office."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Circumlocution.



"Grandpa, if you were a little boy and your ma had promised you a penny if you got your lessons right what would you think was the best way to spell cat?"—Woman's Home Companion.

Editorial Flings.

The preservation of the mosquito was one of the most irritating of the numerous mistakes of Noah.—Boston Globe.

A New York judge rules that it is not wrong to kiss a girl on the street. Not wrong perhaps, but one can think of better spots.—Cleveland Leader.

"Men in this country sleep too much," says Dr. Wiley. What! Has that man been experimenting with night watchmen?—New York Herald.

Marie Corelli condemns man in general. She says he's no good and a coward and a mutt, but she omits to show her sisters how they can get along without him.—New York American.

Brevities

THE HALL OF FAME.

It is reported that C. B. Jefferson of the theatrical family has retired and will devote his time to growing fruits in Florida.

High Constable William Jaby of Shamokin, Pa., who has only one leg, thrashed, unaided, two thugs who attacked him and landed both in prison.

At eighty-one Gorton Anderson of Newport, R. I., still wields the razor. He is the oldest active barber in the United States and perhaps in the world.

Thomas F. Ryan has offered to pay a pension of \$5 a month to the 200 Confederate veterans who now live in Nelson county, Va., where Mr. Ryan has his home.

William H. Baldwin, who had been for thirty-nine years president of the Boston Young Men's Christian union, has resigned after reaching his eightieth birthday anniversary.

Dr. Warre, late head master of Eton college, has been presented with an album containing the signed photographs of nearly every master and boy who was at Eton at the time of his resignation.

Thomas W. Lawson, the famous Boston operator in copper, is a grandfather. The little girl is the child of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Lawson. Mrs. Lawson was formerly Mrs. Herbert Barnum Seeley of New York.

George H. Ware, seventy-three years old, an expert accountant of Providence, R. I., figures that in the last forty years he has smoked nearly three tons of tobacco in his meerschaum pipe, from which he is inseparable.

William Livesay of Preston, the son of Joseph Livesay, the famous founder of teetotalism in England, has just celebrated his ninety-second birthday. Mr. Livesay is in good health and as staunch a temperance champion as was his celebrated father.

Captain Speltenlil, the Swiss aeronaut, has just finished a wonderful achievement, the crossing of the Alps in a balloon. This was his five hundred and thirty-ninth ascent, and his notebook does not record a single accident in any of them.

One of the most remarkable personalities in Russia is Prince Khilkoff. He is called in Russian society "the American" because when young he shipped to America as a stoker and there set himself to learn all he could about railways by working as conductor, stoker, driver, brakeman and mechanic in the engine shops without allowing his princely rank to be suspected.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Richard Sterling, an American actor, has been engaged for the London production of "The Earl of Pawtucket."

It is said that Mrs. Langtry will be a Belasco star next season and that the manager believes her strength lies in tragic roles.

Madge Lessing has been engaged for a new production, called "The Belle of Hong Kong," which is to be seen in Philadelphia in October.

A new vaudeville amusement company has been organized in New York with a capital of \$500,000. William Morris is the president of the organization.

Thomas Thorne and Harry Burkhart, both well known to Baltimore theater goers, will be in the company supporting Miss Maude Fealey when she goes on her starring tour.

Octavia Broske, a San Francisco girl, who had the prima donna role in "The Sultan of Sulu" last season, has been engaged for a prominent role in "The Prince of Pilsen."

FACTS FROM FRANCE.

The president of the senate was recently petitioned in the shape of a flood of 400,000 post cards.

France has no old age insurance measure, but a large amount is annually spent in relief to aged natives.

There are to be no ceremonies when Paul W. Bartlett's equestrian statue of Lafayette in Paris is placed on its pedestal next October.

In all France there are only 1,100 persons who are millionaires in our sense of the word (in dollars). Of millionaires in francs there are about 15,000, apart from the 1,100 already counted.

A philanthropist at Bordeaux has accepted \$400,000 from M. Illia with which to found a day refuge for aged workmen and indigent of both sexes. The refuge is to be a vessel moored in the middle of the Garonne, where soups are to be dispensed apparently in midstream.

GERMAN GLEANINGS.

Of the 51,000 breweries estimated to be in the world 23,000 are in Germany.

Germany employs some hundreds of women in its secret service. Several of them draw salaries of \$10,000 a year.

In Germany glass baths are taking the place of the enameled metal variety. They are both cheap and artistic.

A woman dentist recently stopped with gold a hole in the tusk of a circus elephant at Innsbruck, but a few nights later the filling, worth \$70, was stolen.

A monument has been erected to Anna Hotel in the Schlossgarten at Mannheim. She was the wife of a carpenter who in 1784 saved the poet Schiller from a debtors' prison.

SHORT STORIES.

A boy of twelve in New York has five rows of teeth, or sixty teeth in all. Some expert has figured out that there are only 2,000 professional baseball players in the country.

Dr. Thomas Darlington of New York says keeping dogs in the city is a crime against the city and cruelty to the animals.

The sight of surgical instruments so frightened a man in a hospital at Norristown, Pa., that he leaped from the building and ran screaming into the street.

By a formal order issued from the war department the memory of the late General Shafter, who commanded the American troops in Cuba during the Spanish war, has been honored by bestowing his name upon the military post on the Kahaula reservation near Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.

Thirty-two years ago Mrs. Thomas Baker of Bath, Me., wrote two letters to her husband, Captain Baker, who was then traveling along the Mexican coast in a sailing vessel. The letters were never received by the captain and were recently returned to Mrs. Baker by the Mexican government.

ENGLISH ETCHINGS.

There are over 12,000 shops for the sale of milk in London.

Tithes were first instituted in England in the reign of King Egbert, about 600 A. D.

Cholera has not been epidemic in Europe since 1866, when it appeared in both London and Liverpool.

It is estimated that the total first cost of England's present navy was \$670,000,000, and about \$390,000,000 has been spent in the last ten years.

Before the trial of a suit for damages was begun in a London court the other day it was remarked incidentally that the defendant, a laundry proprietor, had been dead eleven years.

An innovation in English county cricket was seen in the Yorkshire versus Sussex match at Sheffield. Before each delivery the ball was wiped with a towel, which was intrusted to the care of the umpire while the ball was in play.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Shakespeare has been translated into Japanese, and the thespians of the mikado are making his plays popular.

As to vaudeville, way back in the early sixties Ellen Terry made quite a success in that popular style of amusement.

Burr McIntosh, who left the stage some time ago for professional life and the lecture field, is going to return and star in "Pudd'nhead Wilson" and other plays.

Boston gave the stamp of its critical approval to the first performance of Richard Carle's new play, "The Hurdle-Gurdy Girl." Both music and lines are said to be bright.

Among the twenty-two attractions which A. H. Woods will have on the road next season two are musical, and the list includes ten new melodramas. The others are old successes.

HOME NOTES.

If a narrow ribbon or tape is run into the facings of kimono sleeves, they may be tied in a bow and kept out of the way when one is working about the house.

You will need less laundry soap if it is thoroughly dried before using. For this pile it in such a way as to leave open space between the bars to allow free access of air.

When kerosene oil has been spilled on the carpet, cover the spot thickly with either fuller's earth or buckwheat flour and leave twenty-four hours at least before brushing it off.

In some households bureau scarfs have been laid aside and the top of the dresser covered with a heavy glass slab. This can be easily wiped off and polished. As this glass is so thick there is little danger of it being easily broken.

FACTS FROM FRANCE.

It is proposed to substitute solitary confinement during six years for the death penalty in France. No death sentence has been executed for some time.

Trial is now being made in Paris of a new system of paving. Steel is laid on a bed of cement after the fashion of wood paved roads, the interstices, too, being filled with cement.

A bird dealer in Paris raises canaries of an orange red tint by feeding the parent birds on cayenne pepper. In time he expects that the eggs will produce birds of a bright red hue.

About \$80 per year is charged for an unlimited telephone service in Paris, but in addition to this the subscriber must purchase his own instrument, which may be any one of a number of different kinds.

The Plain Woman.

She need not appear plain. She should experiment with her hair. She must study her coiffure from all points.

Well arranged hair may balance and annul a defect.

A woman should beware of choosing a pretty chapeau.

Badly arranged hair may greatly exaggerate a defect.

The choice of a hat has the same good or bad effect.

It is the same with a dress or anything else.—St. Louis Republic.